

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 19-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Currently, claims 1-7 and 9-18 are pending of which claims 1, 9, and 11 are independent.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowability of claims 1-7 and 9-18. Formal notice of such is solicited.

Claims 19-25 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 19-25 were also rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Milstein et al. in view Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Applicant submits that these rejections are moot in view of the above amendments to the claims, and respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and formal notice of such is requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

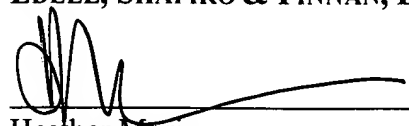
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